reported that vigilance checks will continue in this regard.

Allotment of flats to slum dwellers on cash-down basis

1766. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 489 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 1991 and state:,

(a) whether the applications for allotment of flats were invited through Newspapers;

(b) whether the draw was held in the presence of some prominent people and some judges;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with names of judges who witnessed the draw;

(d) whether any publicity for holding the draw was made through newspapers for registered persons to witness the draw;

(e) whether the results of draw have been published in News paper;

(f) whether allotment-cum-demand letters have been sent to registered persons;

(g) whether cost of flat was fixed Rs. 62,000 at the time of inviting applications; and

(h) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for increase in cost within two months of holding of draw?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following were members of the jury for the draw:—

(1) Smt. Nutan Guha Biswas, Additional District Magistrate.

(2) Shri R. K. Verma, an officer from the New Delhi Municipal Committee.

(3) Shri K. K. Sharma, Joint Secretary (Home) Delhi Administration.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The result of the draw was displayed on the notice boards of the Delh Development Authority at Vikas Kutee and Vikas Bhavan Annexe and a notice tc to this effect was published in local newspapers.

(f) The Slum Wing of Delhi development Authority has reported that Allotment-cum-Demand lethters has been issued to the successful applicats.

(g) No, Sir. The cost of the flats was finalised only in August, 1991.

(h) Does not arise in view of reply to part (g) above.

Gauge conversion in South Central Railway

1767. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert Guntur-Dronachalam and Secunderabad-Kurnool-Guntakal metre-gauge sections in South Central Railway as broad gauge sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Survey has revealed that the project would be unremunerative. Moreover, the Railways are facing an acute resource crunch at present.

Bungling at DRM office, Asansol Division

1768. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of financial bungling at the office of D.R.M Asansol Division of Eastern Railway, involving huge sums of money has been detected and concerned officials charge-sheeted recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to bring those found guilty to book and foil attempts, if any to enable them to hush-